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SUBJECT: MEXICAN PRESIDENT IN QUITO

1. MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ARRIVED IN QUITO JULY 11, BEING MET BY PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ AND HIS FULL CABINET. HE CONFERRED PRIVATELY WITH RODRIGUEZ LATER IN THE DAY, ATTENDED AN EVENING BANQUET HOSTED BY RODRIGUEZ IN HIS HONOR AND WAS SCHEDULED TO HAVE ANOTHER PRIVATE SESSION WITH RODRIGUEZ THE MORNING OF JULY 12.

2. THE ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN ONE OF WARMTH AND A BUSY SCHEDULE WAS CONTRIVED FOR ECHEVERRIA AND THE LARGE ACCOMPANYING PARTY, WHICH INCLUDES THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. ECHEVERRIA'S TENTEREST IN PAINTING HAS BEEN DULY NOTED AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR HIM TO CALL ON NOTED ECUADOREAN PAINTER

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OSWALDO GUAYASAMIN.

3. IN SPEECHES AT THE JULY 11 BANQUET, ECHEVERRIA HAMMERED ON THE NEED FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DEVELOPING COMMON FRONT IN DEFENSE OF BETTER RAW MATERIALS PRICES AND HE PRAISED ECUADOR'S NATIONALISTIC PETROLEUM POLICY. HE CALLED ON ECUADOR TO JOIN A MULTINATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO CONTROL COFFEE SALES, ADDING THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ECUADOR TO JOIN OTHER BUDDING EFFORTS TO CONTROL COMMODITY PRICES (AN UNDOUBTED REFERENCE TO UPEB, THE BANANA PRODUCERS' GROUP), EFFORTS WHICH MIGHT ONE DAY CULMINATE IN THE FORMATION OF A LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION TO DEAL WITH ALL COMMODITY PRICES. HE AND PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ, ASCRIBED MANY LA PROBLEMS TO THE "SELFISH BEHAVIOUR" OF POWERFUL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

4. PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ ECHOED ECHEVERRIA ON PRICES AND THE NEED FOR LATIN AMERICAN UNITY AND SOLIDARITY. HE SOFTENED HIS RHETORIC WITH A REFERENCE TO TLATELOLCO, STATING THAT THE DECLARATION OF EQUALITY BY THE UNITED STATES OPENED UP UNSUSPECTED POSSIBILITIES FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE WORLD. HE ASSERTED THAT THE UNITY OF LATIN AMERICA AND OTHER GROUPS OF 3RD WORLD NATIONS, ON A REGIONAL BASIS, WAS INDISPENSABLE TO CONFRONT THE INDUSTRIALIZED GREAT POWERS, NOT FOR BELLICOSE PURPOSES, BUT RATHER TO INFLUENCE THEM TO ENGAGE IN CIVILIZED DIALOGUE IN A CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. THUS, RODRIGUEZ CONCLUDED, TLATELOLCO WOULD SOON TAKE ON A "UNIVERSAL DIMENSION", TO THE HONOR OF THE HUMAN RACE.
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